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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: CC Docket Nos. 01-92 & 96-45
Notice of *Ex Parte* Meeting**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 7, 2005, Mike Wallin and Kimberly Wheeler of Ringgold Telephone Company ("Ringgold") and John Kuykendall of John Staurulakis, Inc. met with Scott Bergmann, legal advisor to Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein. In the meeting, the Ringgold representatives informed Mr. Bergmann of the company's plans to sponsor a forum on Capitol Hill to discuss regulatory issues regarding intercarrier compensation, universal service and the provision of voice over IP ("VoIP") services from a rural telephone company perspective. The representatives also extended an invitation for Commissioner Adelstein and Mr. Bergmann to attend the forum.

During the course of the meeting, the Ringgold representatives described the state-of-the-art voice, Internet and video services that the company provides to subscribers in its rural service area. The representatives explained that adequate universal service support and intercarrier compensation are vital to ensuring the continuation and expansion of quality telecommunications services to rural areas.

Respectfully submitted,

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